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Mr. Amory stated that he and his colleagues desired to discuss the lack
of support CIA has been receiving from the Science Attaches and from Dr. Brode.
The difficulty, as CIA sees it, is as follows:

2. There has been no reporting by Science Attaches on significant trends
and developments in science which might affect the political, economic or mili-
tary stature of a country or its orientation.

3. There has been inadequate reporting by Science Attaches on Bloc activi-
ties or on visits of scientists to and from the Bloc.

5. Inadequate opportunity has been provided CIA for the briefing of out-
going Science Attaches.

In view of the fact that CIA's direct approaches to the Office of the
Science Adviser have failed to produce any amelioration in the situation, Mr.
Amory requested Mr. Cumming's assistance.

Mr. Cumming stated that he had not participated in the establishment
of the science program and had not been aware of these problems. He noted

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that under paragraph 2 of NSCID 2 the Department of State has the primary responsibility for the collection abroad of scientific and technological information as a service of common concern and stated he would be happy to explore possible ways and means of more fully exploiting the intelligence potential of the Attaches.

Mr. Cumming referred to the memorandum of August 1957 which outlines the support CIA is to provide in the intelligence aspects of the program. After analyzing the memorandum and discussing the steps thus far taken under it, he observed that it had not as yet been fully implemented.

Mr. Cumming suggested that the adoption of the following additional measures would be indicated:

25X1A 1. An instruction could be transmitted to the Chiefs of Mission concerned, clearly defining the Science Attache's reporting responsibilities [redacted] as outlined in the August 1957 memorandum. This would supplement CA-7553 of March 5, 1959 which outlined the functions of the Science Officer.

2. The briefings received by outgoing Attaches could be expanded to include a more comprehensive presentation of the political, economic, military and sociological problems in the area of their assignment. This would be provided by the geographic bureaus and the geographic and functional research offices of INR. In order to achieve a better rapport, Mr. Cumming would undertake to talk to each outgoing Attache personally.

3. Information of intelligence interest contained in official-informal letters transmitted by Attaches to the Science Adviser's office could be extracted and made available for use by the intelligence community.

4. A representative of the Science Adviser could be appointed to the Scientific Intelligence Committee of USIB (DCID 3/5) in order to permit the Science Adviser's office to be apprised of USIB's scientific and technical intelligence programs, problems and needs.

Mr. Amory stated he felt certain that the measures outlined by Mr. Cumming would substantially improve the situation and endorsed their adoption.

Mr. Amory declared that a problem of immediate concern is the selection and briefing of the Attache who is to be assigned to Moscow shortly. [redacted]

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[REDACTED] In view of the sensitive situation prevailing in Moscow, he requested that appropriate arrangements be made to insure that the designated Attache gets thorough briefings by all interested components of CIA and the Department before his departure.

Mr. Cumming stated he would discuss the foregoing with Mr. Henderson at his earliest opportunity.

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